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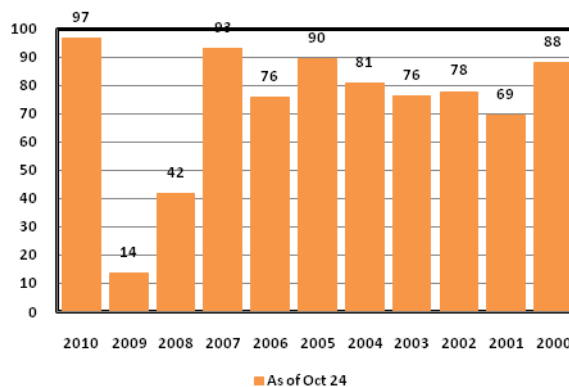
## Agricultural Summary

Some much-needed rain fell in northern and central parts of the state late last week, with some areas that could still use some more precipitation. The two southern districts did not receive any measurable precipitation last week and continued a trend of below average weekly precipitation totals that dates back to early September. Rainfall, where received, did benefit the emergence of winter wheat. Most farmers seem to be waiting for soil temperatures to cool down before applying anhydrous ammonia. There were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Temperatures averaged 54.8 degrees across the state, 2.6 degrees above average. Rainfall averaged 0.50 inch statewide, .18 inch below average. Corn harvest advanced to 97 percent complete, well ahead of last year's pace of 14 percent and the five-year average of 63 percent. Soybean harvest is at 97 percent complete, compared to just 30 percent last year and the five-year average of 75 percent. Winter wheat is now 95 percent seeded, with 55 percent reported as emerged.

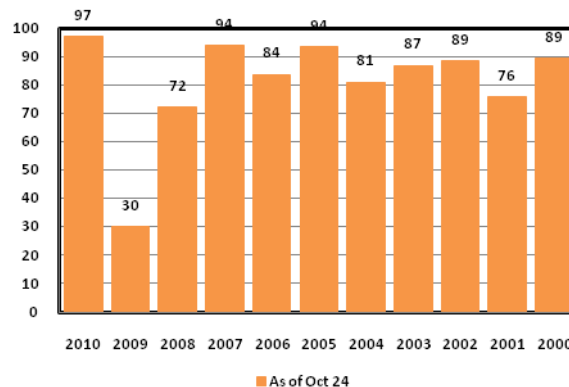
**Crop Progress Percents**

	This Week	Last Week	2009	5-Year Average
October 24				
<b>CORN:</b>				
Harvested	97	93	14	63
<b>SOYBEANS:</b>				
Harvested	97	90	30	75
<b>SORGHUM:</b>				
Mature	93	92	88	95
Harvested	84	76	24	61
<b>WINTER WHEAT:</b>				
Seeded	95	75	30	74
Emerged	55	27	10	43

**Corn - Percent Harvested  
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**Soybeans - Percent Harvested  
Illinois**



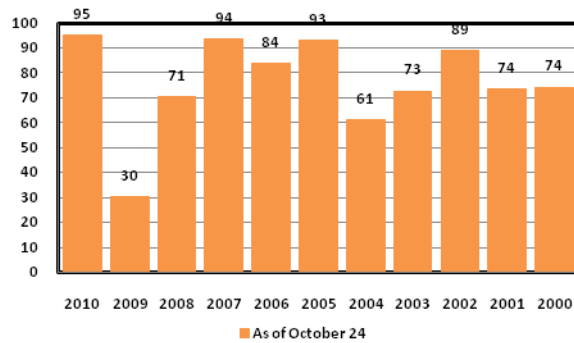
### Crop Condition Percents

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
October 24					
Winter Wheat	1	6	43	47	3
Pasture	12	18	40	27	3

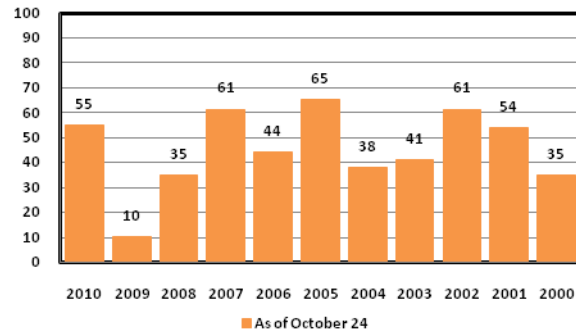
### Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture Percents

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Percents			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Oct. 18-24			October 24	
Northwest	5.7	10	22	68	-
Northeast	6.0	21	31	48	-
West	5.3	1	19	80	-
Central	5.7	2	20	71	7
East	6.3	40	44	16	-
W Southwest	6.5	1	56	43	-
E Southeast	6.8	30	54	16	-
Southwest	6.8	29	59	10	2
Southeast	7.0	100	-	-	-
State	6.1	17	36	46	1

**Wheat - Percent Seeded**  
Illinois



**Wheat - Percent Emerged**  
Illinois

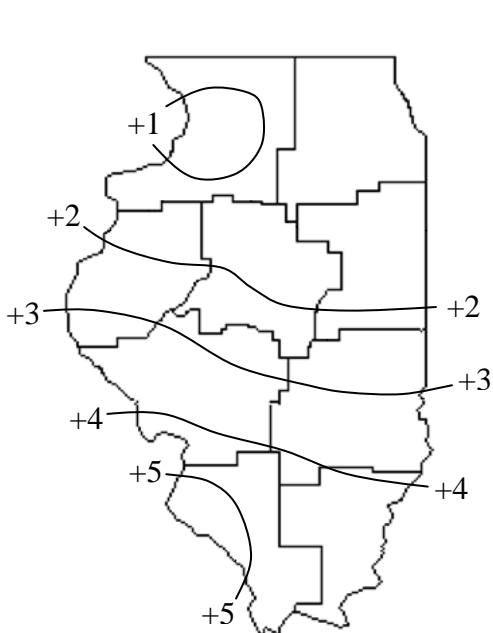


### Crop Progress Percents by Districts

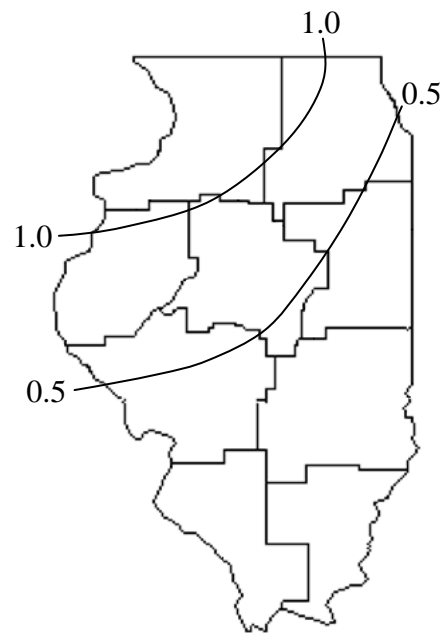
District	Corn	Soybeans
	Harvested	Harvested
October 24		
Northwest	93	98
Northeast	92	96
West	97	94
Central	99	98
East	99	99
W Southwest	99	96
E Southeast	99	98
Southwest	99	89
Southeast	99	98
State	97	97

# **Weather Information Table**

District	Temperature (°F)		Precipitation (in.)	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure
October 18 - 24				
Northwest	50.5	0.8	1.29	0.65
Northeast	51.2	1.3	0.59	0.00
West	54.7	2.4	0.88	0.24
Central	53.2	1.6	0.77	0.17
East	52.3	1.2	0.38	-0.25
W Southwest	56.6	3.2	0.40	-0.32
E Southeast	56.8	3.4	0.04	-0.74
Southwest	59.7	4.9	0.00	-0.77
Southeast	59.8	4.9	0.00	-0.79
State	54.8	2.6	0.50	-0.18



Temperature (°F) Departure  
October 18 - 24



Precipitation (in.) Total  
October 18 - 24

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